

IT WAS
WHERE I MET
TAMAGAWA-
SAN FOR
THE FIRST
TIME.



THE
MIDORI
FESTIVAL
IS A LARGE
CELEBRATION
HELPED BY OUR
TOWN EVERY
YEAR.



They're
already getting
ready for the
next Midori
Festival...

Maybe
we can
go to the
festival
together.



WE
HAVEN'T
HAD MANY
OPPORTUNI-
TIES TO GET
TOGETHER,
BUT...

THE FIRST
FRIEND I'VE
MADE FROM
A DIFFERENT
CLASS.



AH,
TAMAGAWA-
SAN IS...

Hey!



Tamagawa-
san!?

Huh?



Sekishi-
ma-san,
someone's
asking for
you.



TRADE

杖をバトンに
持ち替えて

YOUR WAND

FOR A BATON

EMI FUKASAKU

ふかさくえみ



Huh?
Really...? Well,
no matter...

Why'd you
say that?

N-N-NOT
AT ALL! WHY
DO YOU SAY
THAT!?



Sakshima,
you have experience
in baton-twirling,
right?



Would you
like to join in the
Midori Festival
with me?

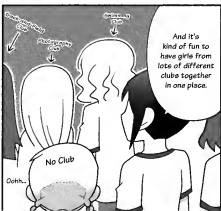
I didn't
realize at
the time

that she
didn't mean we'd
be "joining in" as
spectators...



With
Tamagawa-
san...!?

SURE!
YOU
BET!



I'm really
not that good
with stuff like
that...

In front of
that huge crowd
of people?



And I thought...
this year, I'd like to
enjoy it together
with you...

She then
suddenly asked for...

Maybe we
can go
together...



If I'm going
to do it, might
as well see it
through to
the end.



**WE'RE VERY
SORRY!!**

**YOU
TWO!!
ENOUGH
WHISPER-
ING!**

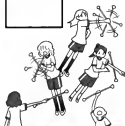


SFX: SHOCKED



AFTER THAT, INTENSIVELY TRAINING IN THE BASICS,

A MONTH PASSED BY IN A FLASH.

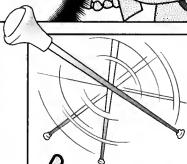


SORCIÈRE CITRON!
 ハルニエール・
 シトロソ!

Magical
 girl wand

IT WAS
 A MAGIC
 WAND.

But there's
 no way I can
 say that.



All the muscle
 memory is
 still there.

Twirl
 300°



However,
 the thing I used
 to twirl back when
 I was in elementary
 school wasn't a
 baton...

Strictly
 speaking,

I can't say
 I have no
 experience
 at all.



Compared
 to my wand,

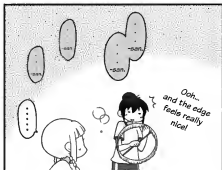
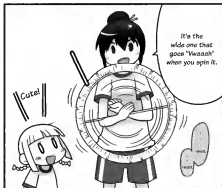


It's much
 shorter and
 lighter, but...

Thumb
 Flip

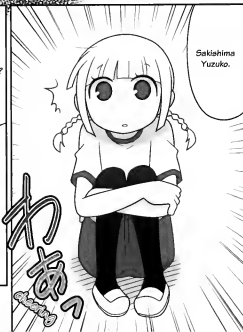








And finally,
our baton
majorette...





Please hold on a second... Shouldn't a third-year have that job?

Or at least, somebody tell...?

Normally, you'd think so.



You'll be marching at the head of everybody, Sakahima!

The majorette uses the major katon, also called the conductor's staff

There's a special outfit she wears, too.



NAMELY, ONLY PEOPLE AROUND 4'7" ...

CAN DO IT!

!!?

WHY WOULD THAT BE.

WH.



But our school doesn't have the budget to buy a new majorette outfit every year,

so there's a specific restriction on who can fulfill the role.



By the way, she's presently our school principal.

If you have complaints, please direct them there.

Entirely owing to the personal tastes of the baton club's first advisor.

'Cause, it's cute!!



I knew you'd get picked!



But my eyes didn't fail me, did they?

No... if anything, you blew my expectations away.

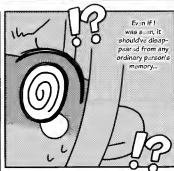


Tamagawa-saaaan!!

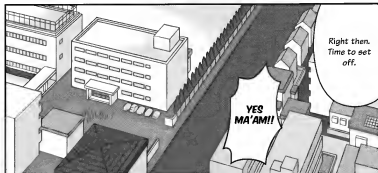
Yep! I did.











I CAN'T USE
MAGIC AT ALL
ANYMORE.



CHIEF OF THE MARCHING BAND

Pleasure to be
working with
you!!



IT'S BEEN
SEVERAL YEARS
NOW SINCE I RETIRED
FROM BEING A
MAGICAL GIRL.

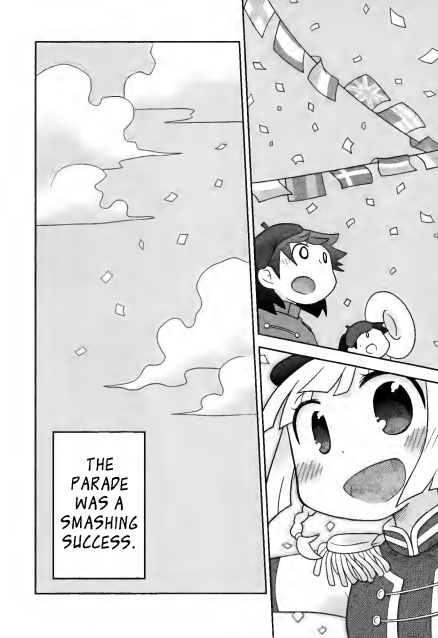


BUT
RIGHT NOW,
I FEEL EVEN MORE
EXCITED THAN I DID
BACK THEN.



SAKISHI
MAI?





THE
PARADE
WAS A
SMASHING
SUCCESS.



Well,
it is true
that it's
dangerous.

I thought
it was a classy
move.

*In recent years,
the major reason
high schools have
been banned as a
dangerous maneuver

THOUGH, I GOT
YELLED AT A BIT
AFTERWARDS
FOR INSERTING
THAT HUGE
THROW INTO
THE PROGRAM
MYSELF.



Yep...
it is.

Hoo...
so it's all
over now.



All that
practice
was fun.

Yeah.



I'd like to
be in the parade
again next year,
too.



MIRACLE AT THE MIDORI FESTIVAL PARADE!?

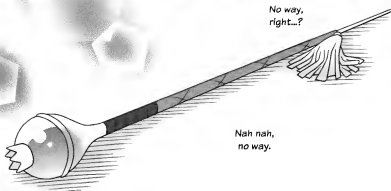


MY
CONFETTI
STEREY

They still don't know where that came from, or who prepared it.



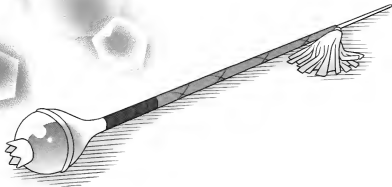
Great timing, wasn't it?



No way, right...?

Nah nah, no way.

END



TRADE YOUR WAND FOR A BATON

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